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# PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

## UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Reports from San Francisco, Cal.—Plague-prevention work at San Francisco, Oakland, and Point Richmond, and in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, Cal.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports:

### SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Date of last case of human plague: Sickened, January 30, 1908.

Date of last case of rodent plague: October 23, 1908.

*Week ended March 20, 1909.*

Sick inspected.....	9
Plague.....	0
Dead inspected.....	123
Plague.....	0
Premises inspected.....	2, 429
Houses disinfected.....	51
Nuisances abated.....	298
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Rats found dead.....	37
Rats trapped.....	2, 264
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Total rats taken.....	2, 301
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Rats identified:	
Mus norvegicus.....	1, 474
Mus rattus.....	51
Mus musculus.....	757
Mus alexandrinus.....	10
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Total.....	2, 292
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Rats identified as to sex.....	1, 461
Male.....	689
Female.....	772
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	1, 316
Plague rats.....	0
Ground squirrels caught.....	11
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	11
Plague squirrels.....	0
Buildings condemned.....	11
Poisons placed.....	35, 329

## OAKLAND, CAL.

Date of last case of human plague: Sickened, July 17, 1908.

Date of last case of rodent plague: Trapped, December 1, 1908.

*Week ended March 13, 1909.*

Dead inspected.....	24
Plague.....	0
Premises inspected.....	756
Premises cleaned.....	172
Garbage cans installed.....	194
Places made rat-proof.....	2
Nuisances abated.....	185
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Rats found dead.....	29
Rats trapped.....	533
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Total rats taken.....	562
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Mice trapped.....	56
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Rats identified:	
Mus norvegicus.....	555
Mus rattus.....	4
Mus musculus.....	56
Mus alexandrinus.....	3
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Total.....	618
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Rats examined bacteriologically.....	551
Plague rats.....	0
Mice examined bacteriologically.....	56
Plague mice.....	0
Poisons placed.....	21,065

## POINT RICHMOND, CAL.

*Week ended March 13.*

Sick inspected.....	2
Plague.....	0
Premises inspected.....	470
Nuisances abated.....	21
Rats found dead.....	14
Rats trapped.....	8
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	8
Plague rats.....	0
Poisons placed.....	7,000

## ALAMEDA COUNTY, CAL.

*Week ended March 13.*

Sick inspected.....	10
Plague.....	0
Dead inspected.....	48
Plague.....	0

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CAL.

*Week ended March 13.*

Dead inspected.....	3
Plague.....	0
Ground squirrels shot.....	37
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	37
Plague squirrels.....	0
Ranches inspected.....	40
Ranches found free of ground squirrels.....	9
Ranches poisoning ground squirrels.....	31